



Leona Coursey (Brown)

June 21, 1925 - November 28, 2020

Dearly beloved, Leona Brown Coursey, was called home to the Father on Saturday, November 28, 2020, surrounded by family.

Leona was born on Sunday, June 21, 1925, in Hillsboro, Maryland, to the late Mary Elizabeth Brown and James O. Brown. She was educated in the Caroline County Public School System.

Leona moved to Philadelphia and was united with the love of her life, the late Melvin T. Coursey, on September 27, 1947. They were blessed to celebrate 62 years of marriage. Leona was a faithful member of Holsey Temple C.M.E. Church in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, for 48 years. While at the church she served in many capacities. She was a stewardess, Courtesy Guild member, soup kitchen volunteer and a faithful donor to the Lena Jones Rice Missionary March.

Outside of church, Leona enjoyed spending time with her family and friends. Leona was a member of "The Friends Club" and enjoyed traveling with her companions. She often talked about her trip to Hawaii in 1984, and until her death, you would often see her wearing a gold pineapple necklace that Mel gifted her.

Leona also enjoyed playing pinochle, the slots and cheering on her beloved Sixers. If you called in the middle of a game, the conversation was sure to be brief.

Leona was the epitome of class, sophistication and grace. Her gentle and loving spirit touched the lives of everyone around her. Her love, kindness, wisdom, generosity and dedication will be remembered by her family and friends.

Leona was preceded in death by her husband, Melvin T. Coursey; a sister, Mary Virginia Moaney; a brother, James "Dick" Brown; and a surrogate daughter, Lucretia Ann Groves. Leona leaves to cherish her memory, a surrogate daughter, Carolyn Gardner (Leon); a sister-in-law, Thelma Causey; a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren; a godson, James Coursey; special friends, Naomi Swint, Vance and Bobby Tillman, Mike Palmer, Tony Wall and Barry Jones; nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Lovingly Submitted,
The Family

Tribute Wall

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“ *My beautiful aunt, There aren't enough words to describe the love and the joy you brought to us. You were the epitome of class and style and your laughter was explosive and infectious. Everyone of us felt your love even the great nieces and nephews where drawn to you. Rest in peace now because you definitely gave all you knew, your best here on this side. You will truly be missed, but never forgotten. I love you Aunt Lee!*

Gale Barden - December 12, 2020 at 12:51 PM

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“ *Wishing you peace to bring comfort, courage to face the days ahead and loving memories to forever hold in your hearts.*

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - December 11, 2020 at 12:37 PM

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“ *May the love of your grandmother be with you always.*

Leslie Jackson - December 10, 2020 at 04:39 PM

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“ *Those we love don't go away, they walk beside us every day. You have our deepest sympathies and heartfelt condolences. Love always, Iridescence*

Heartfelt Sympathies Store - December 09, 2020 at 09:42 PM